

OF NOTE

FAMILY SUPPORT

New spouses

Heart Link Spouse Orientation is available by appointment.

The briefing, for spouses new to the military, is about everything you should know about life in the military.

Register at 846-0741.

Pre-deployment brief

Pre-deployment briefings are at the Family Support Center on **Mondays, Wednesdays** and **Fridays**, 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and **Thursdays** at 5 p.m.

Contact Master Sgt. C. Lloyd McKenzie, 853-1704 to be scheduled.

MEETINGS

Military widows

The Military Widows Group's next meeting is **tomorrow**, 9:30 a.m., in the Chapel annex.

Call Marjorie Bowling, 294-1090.

MISCELLANEA

Keep computers on

The 377th Information Management Division wants base computer users to not turn off their computers because they routinely run software distribution pushes (anti-virus updates, software patches) during off-peak hours.

Unfortunately, upward of 30 percent of computer users turn off their desktop computers when they leave the office. This defeats attempts to protect the Kirtland AFB

network. To save energy, people can turn off their monitors, which are the biggest draw of power.

BDU backorder

Backorders from the military supply system are affecting Army and Air Force Exchange Service Military Clothing Sales Stores. Air Force Military Clothing Sales Stores are out of stock on selected sizes of Enhanced Hot Weather and Temperate Battle Dress Uniform coats and trousers.

The military supply system advised AAFES that the get-well date for the temperate BDUs is **August**.

Representatives said the supply problem is due to the allocation of BDU production to support the increase in desert requirements as a result of the war in Iraq.

Food Stamps

A prescreening tool for determining eligibility to receive food stamps is online at www.usda.gov.

Under "Browse by subject," click "Food and Nutrition." Under "Related Topics," click "Food Assistance," and under "Featured Areas," click "Online Prescreening Tool."

The prescreening tool is not an application for food stamps. Contact the food stamp office in Human Services Income Support Divisions for Bernalillo and Valencia counties.

Free Tax Preparation

Active duty, retired military and their dependents are eligible for free tax

preparation at the VITA Tax Center.

More information is available at the Tax Center's Web site at www.kirtland.af.mil. Click on the "Organizations" tab at the top, then click on Tax Center on the "Organizations" page.

Call 853-1700 for an appointment.

CGOC trip

The Kirtland AFB Company Grade Officers Council is planning a trip to Holloman AFB on **March 19-20**.

The company grade officers will tour the 49th Fighter Wing and interact with Holloman AFB personnel, as well as enjoy a Friday evening at the Officers Club.

Attendees will stay in Holloman AFB lodging March 19 and depart the next morning.

The trip is being coordinated through the CGOC, but the opportunity is open to all company grade officers at Kirtland AFB.

Contact 1st Lt. Chris Gardner at 846-0063, or e-mail at christopher.gardner@kirtland.af.mil.

PEOPLE NEEDED

Judges needed

The New Mexico Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement Inc. is seeking volunteer judges for their 16th Annual Statewide Math and Science Jamboree, **April 3** at UNM.

MESA is a nonprofit organization that promotes educational enrichment for pre-college students from historically underrepresented ethnic groups. Their goal is to increase the number of underrepre-

sented ethnic minorities in professions related to mathematics, science and engineering

If you are interested in volunteering call, 2nd Lt. Wesley Cook, 853-2650.

Project officers

Project officers are needed for a variety of special observances at Kirtland AFB.

Upcoming observances are National Hispanic Heritage Month, **Sept. 15-Oct. 15**; National Disability Employment Awareness Month in **October**; and Native American Indian Heritage Month in **November**.

Although previous experience working on special observance committees is helpful, experience is not required. Committee members help publicize events, work on fund-raising projects that support the special observance, perform administrative tasks and other work coordinating events.

To volunteer, call Sol Starks at 846-5369.

PERSONNEL

Records changes

Civilians serviced by the Air Force Personnel Center are no longer required to submit update or correction requests for education, licensing, languages and certificates through the Kirtland AFB Civilian Personnel Flight.

These requests for change may be faxed directly to the personnel center at DSN 665-2937 or 210-565-2937.

Records will be updated within 90 days.

OF NOTE

Emblem embroidery

Customers that drop off their Air Force light-weight blue jackets at the Military Clothing Sales Store can have the Air Force emblem embroidered on them for \$6.50.

There is a two-business-day turnaround.

Civilian information

Civilian employees and prospective applicants can get answers to questions about employment opportunities, benefits and entitlements at the Air Force's Customer Service Center.

A site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst, has questions and answers.

For employment on-line inquiries, users who don't find an answer to their question can submit a query through the "Ask-A-Question" tab at the top of the page.

People who need to speak to someone can call 800-616-3775.

Need a challenge?

TEAM KIRTLAND First Term Airmen Center is looking for a sharp,

dedicated staff sergeant through senior master sergeant to fill the position of flight chief.

Applicants must be highly motivated and able to set the example in every aspect of Air Force life.

This highly sought after position is a special duty assignment (9F000) and is a three-year controlled tour. All applicants must be able to be released from their career field.

For details on the application process and answers to any questions, contact Master Sgt. William Hannah, 853-7461 or e-mail william.hannah@kirtland.af.mil

Submit application packages before **March 26**.

PALACE CHASE

The next briefing on Palace Chase is **March 17**, 1 p.m., in the 377th Air Base Wing Conference Room.

Reference Air Force Instruction 36-3205 for eligibility. Retraining may be an option.

Call Master Sgt. Vera Romano, 846-0544.

RECRUITING

Air Force Reserve

Active duty experience can pay in the Reserve. Take the opportunity to earn retirement credit and still enjoy the many benefits of being in the military.

Call Master Sgt. Vera Romano, 846-0544.

Health pros needed

The Air Force has sign-on bonuses or college loan repayments for health-care professionals who are commissioned in the active duty Air Force.

Contact Tech. Sgt. Bill Malcolm, 888-1975 or william.malcolm@rs.af.mil.

SCHOLARSHIPS

College grants

The Air Force Aid Society plans to award \$1,500 need-based grants to Air Force dependents.

Applications are at www.afas.org. Completed forms must be received by **March 12**.

Call 800-429-9475.

Tuition reduction

Southern Methodist University's School of Engineering is offering a 50

percent tuition discount for active duty U.S. military members enrolling in its distance education program.

Details are at <http://enr.smu.edu/distance/military.html>.

The Distance Education information is at <http://enr.smu.edu/distance/overview.html>.

Contact Stephanie Dye at 214-768-3232 or at sdye@enr.smu.edu.

OU scholarships

The University of Oklahoma Club of New Mexico will award two \$750 one-year college scholarships for the fall of 2004.

Both scholarships are available to New Mexico residents who have been admitted to OU and who will be attending at the Norman campus. The OU Web site, www.ou.edu, lists university admission requirements and applications.

One scholarship is for a freshman and the other is for any student.

The application can be printed from the OU Club Web site, www.freewebz.com/nmsooners/, or from Jill Riester, Scholarship Chair, at 505-281-1337, riesterr@msn.com.

The application must be postmarked by **March 15, 2004**.